

Report of the Special Committee on Welfare

Sport activities have become the major preoccupation of this Special Committee throughout 2013 and it is hoped that through inter-professional competitions, we can promote our image and enhance the well-being of our fellow members.

A. Recreation and Sports Club for Hong Kong Professional Bodies (“RSCP”)

The Joint Professionals recreational and sport activities are now all organized under the head of the Recreation and Sports Club for Professional Bodies (“RSCP”). RSCP is composed of eight professional bodies, namely, The Hong Kong Bar Association, The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Dental Association, Law Society of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Medical Association, the Hong Kong Institute of Planners and the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

B. There are now 7 teams participating in various activities and competitions:

1. Badminton Team

The Bar Badminton Team participated in the RSCP Badminton Tournament on 1st September 2013 and regular practices are organized for members.

2. Band

The Bar Band performed in the Bar Mess, participated in the Joint Professionals Band Show on 3rd February 2013 (Co-hosted by the Dental Association, the Medical Association, the Institute of Surveyors and the Law Society) and also the Charity Concert raising fund for the victims in the Sichun earthquake on 23rd June 2013. The Band will also perform in the Christmas Drinks co-hosted by the Young Barristers Committee and the Welfare Committee.

Members of the Band together with other members also participated in the RSCP Singing Contest on 14th April 2013.

3. Basketball Team

The Bar Basketball Team is now participating in the RSCP Basketball League. The League will only end in December 2013. Regular practice is organized.

A webpage for the league is set up : <http://rscp.openball.com/>.

4. Bridge Team

The Bridge team is newly formed this year and members participated in the RSCP Team of 4 Bridge Tournament on 24th November 2013.

5. Table- Tennis Team

The Bar Table-Tennis Team participated in the RSCP Table-Tennis Competition held on 22nd September 2013. Weekly practice is organized for the team members.

6. Snooker Team

The Bar Snooker Team is newly formed this year and members participated in the RSCP Snooker Competition on 6th October 2013. Members are now organizing practices and friendly matches.

7. Soccer Team

The Bar Soccer Team participated in various competitions this year including the RSCP Soccer Mini-Tournament (17th February 2013), the Joint Universities Legal Professional Soccer League (23rd November 2013) and the Correctional Services Department (“CSD”) Family Day Tournament (5th October 2013). The Bar Soccer Team is the 1st Runner-Up in the CSD Tournament amongst the teams of Judiciary, the Department of Justice, the Law Society and the CSD. More notably, on this occasion our team beat the Judiciary team by 4:0.

Regular practices and friendly matches are organized for members.

8. RSCP Inauguration Dinner

On 12th April 2013, the RSCP Inauguration Dinner was held in the Football Club. The Vice-Chairman of the Bar Association, the Chairman of Special Committee on Welfare and the Team Captains of the above teams attended. Members of the Special Committee also assisted in organizing the Dinner event.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the team captions, members of this Special Committee, and especially Rachael Siu for all their hard work and enthusiastic participation throughout 2013. I hope more members are going to participate on sport activities in the coming year.

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